

SUBJECT: Comment Period on School Improvement Grant (SIG) Waivers

Michigan is in the process of filing its School Improvement Grant Application Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 New Awards Competition under Section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). These are FY 2012 funds--CFDA Number 84.377A.

In this application Michigan is applying for several waivers. Local Education Agencies (LEA) in Michigan who are eligible to compete for a grant are to receive notice and an opportunity to comment on the waiver requests listed below. Comments should be sent to Linda Forward no later than January 23, 2013. Questions may be sent to Dr. Anne Hansen at hansena1@michigan.gov.

Waivers of SEA Requirements

Waiver 4: Priority Schools List Waiver

In order to enable the State to replace its lists of Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III schools with its list of Priority schools under Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) flexibility, they must waive the school eligibility requirements in Section I.A.1 of the SIG final requirements.

Waivers of LEA Requirements

Waiver 5: School Improvement Timeline Waiver

Waive Section 1116(b)(12) of the ESEA to permit LEAs to allow their Priority or Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III Title I participating schools that will fully implement a turnaround or restart model beginning in the 2013-2014 school year to "start over" in the school improvement timeline.

Waiver 6: School Wide Program Waiver

Waive the 40 percent poverty eligibility threshold in section 1114(a)(1) of the ESEA to permit LEAs to implement a school wide program in a Priority, Tier I, Tier II, or Tier III Title I participating school that does not meet the poverty threshold and is fully implementing one of the four school intervention models.